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SUBJ: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY: VISIT OF WAPDA CHAIRMAN TO U.S.

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1. CONSUL-IN-CHARGE AND ECON OFFICER CALLED ON MAJOR GENERAL FAZLI RAZIQ, NEW CHAIRMAN OF WATER AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, TO FOLLOW UP POWER CONTROL COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY (REFTEL). RAZIQ SAID HE PLANS TO VISIT U.S. ABOUT THIRD WEEK OCTOBER AND WE OFFERED TO PROGRAM HIM FOR VISIT TO TVA AND APPROPRIATE US ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS. HE AGREED AND ASKD IF FIVE OR SIX-DAY SCHEDULE COULD BE SET UP. IN ADDITION TO TVA VISIT, HE IS INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING:

A. POWER CONTROL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS GEAR. RAZIQ SAID HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. WAS WORLD LEADER IN POWER CONTROL FIELD AND THAT U.S. PRODUCED POWER CONTROL SYSTEM IN MALAYSIA WAS BEST IN ASIA. PERHAPS STOPOVER THERE ON RETURN FROM U.S. POSSIBLE. IS MALAYSIAN EQUIPMENT IN FACT OF U.S. ORIGIN?

B. VISIT WITH U.S. CONSULTANTS QUALIFIED TO DO POWER CONTROL SURVEY IN PAKISTAN. RAZIQ COMMENTED THAT COMPETENT ENGINEERS ARE AVAILABLE IN PAKISTAN FOR SUCH A STUDY, BUT THEY ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH MOST RECENT ADVANCES IN EQUIPMENT. HE SAID IT IS ALSO DIFFICULT TO SPARE THEM FOR SURVEY PROJECTS. ACCORDINGLY, UNCLASSIFIED

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HE OPINED USE OF FOREIGN CONSULTANTS WAS PROBABLY BEST COURSE.

POST, OF COURSE, WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM CHOOSE U.S. CONSULTANTS DURING UPCOMING TRIP. OUR SUGGESTION THAT WAPDA DEAL DIRECTLY WITH SUPPLIER PROVED ABORTIVE.

C. ONE OF WAPDA'S MAJOR PROBLEMS IS POWER LOSSES
(TRANSMISSION LOSS PLUS THEFT) WHICH, ACCORDING TO RAZIQ,
RUN AROUND 36 TO 38 PERCENT. BY COMPARISON, ONE WORLD BANK OFFICIAL
TOLD HIM HIGHEST LOSSES HE HAD EVER HEARD OF WERE 12 PERCENT
AND HINTED THAT FINANCING MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DEAL WITH
PROBLEM. RAZIQ WISHES DISCUSS QUESTION WITH APPROPRIATE
PARTIES AND MEET U.S. METER MANUFACTURERS. (HE SAID METERS
CURRENTLY IN USE HERE CAN BE KEPT FROM RECORDING BY
SIMPLE USE OF A MAGNET.)

D. HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN TALING WITH U.S. TRANSFORMER MANUFACTURERS.

- 2. WOULD APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON ABOVE FOR PASSAGE TO RAZIQ. WILL ADVISE DATES HIS TRAVEL AS SOON AS KNOWN.
- 3. FYI: SNOWY MOUNTAIN CONSULTANTS, AUSTRALIAN FIRM, DID STUDY ON PAK POWER SYSTEM IN 1974. GIBNEY

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